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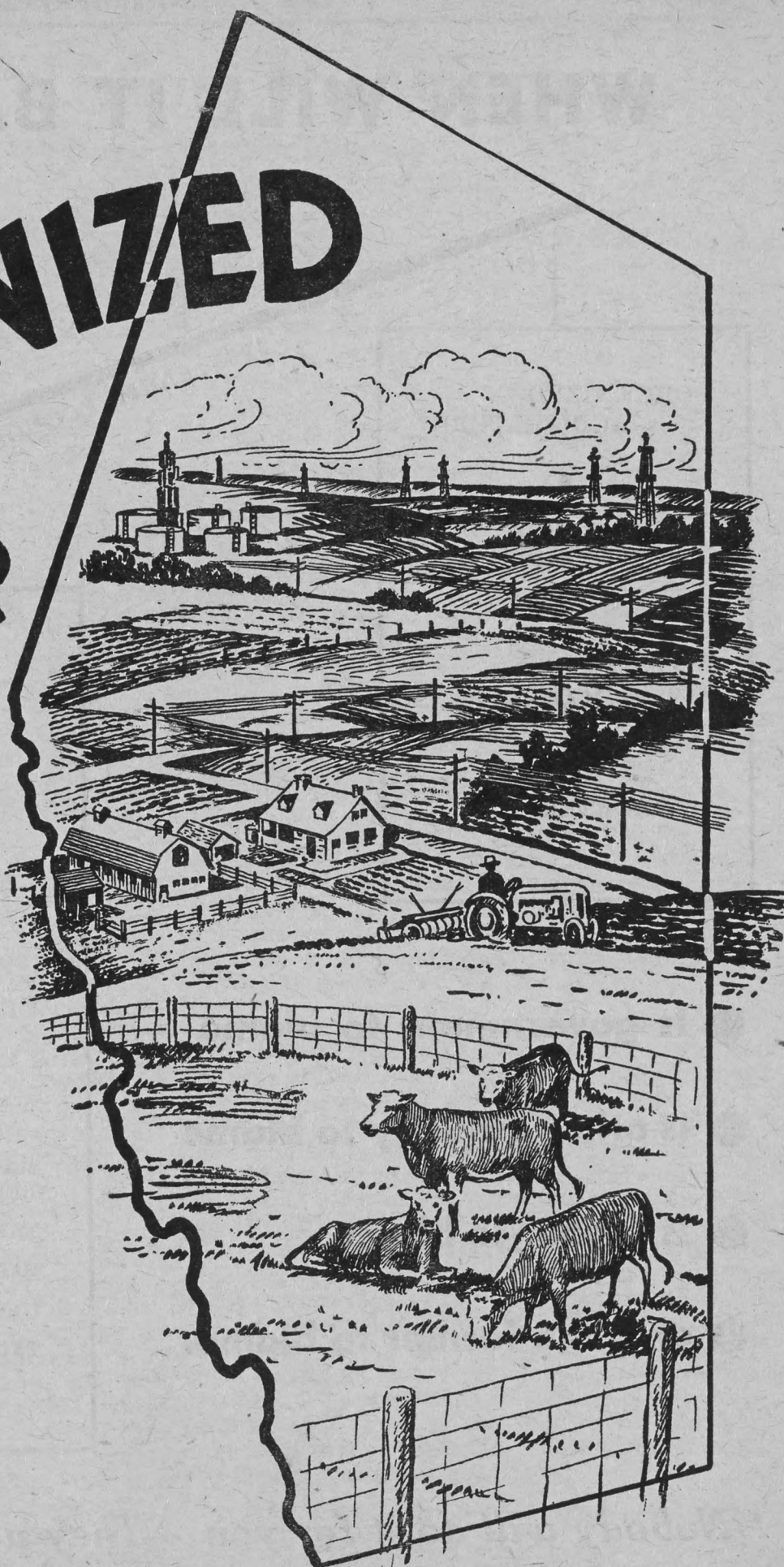
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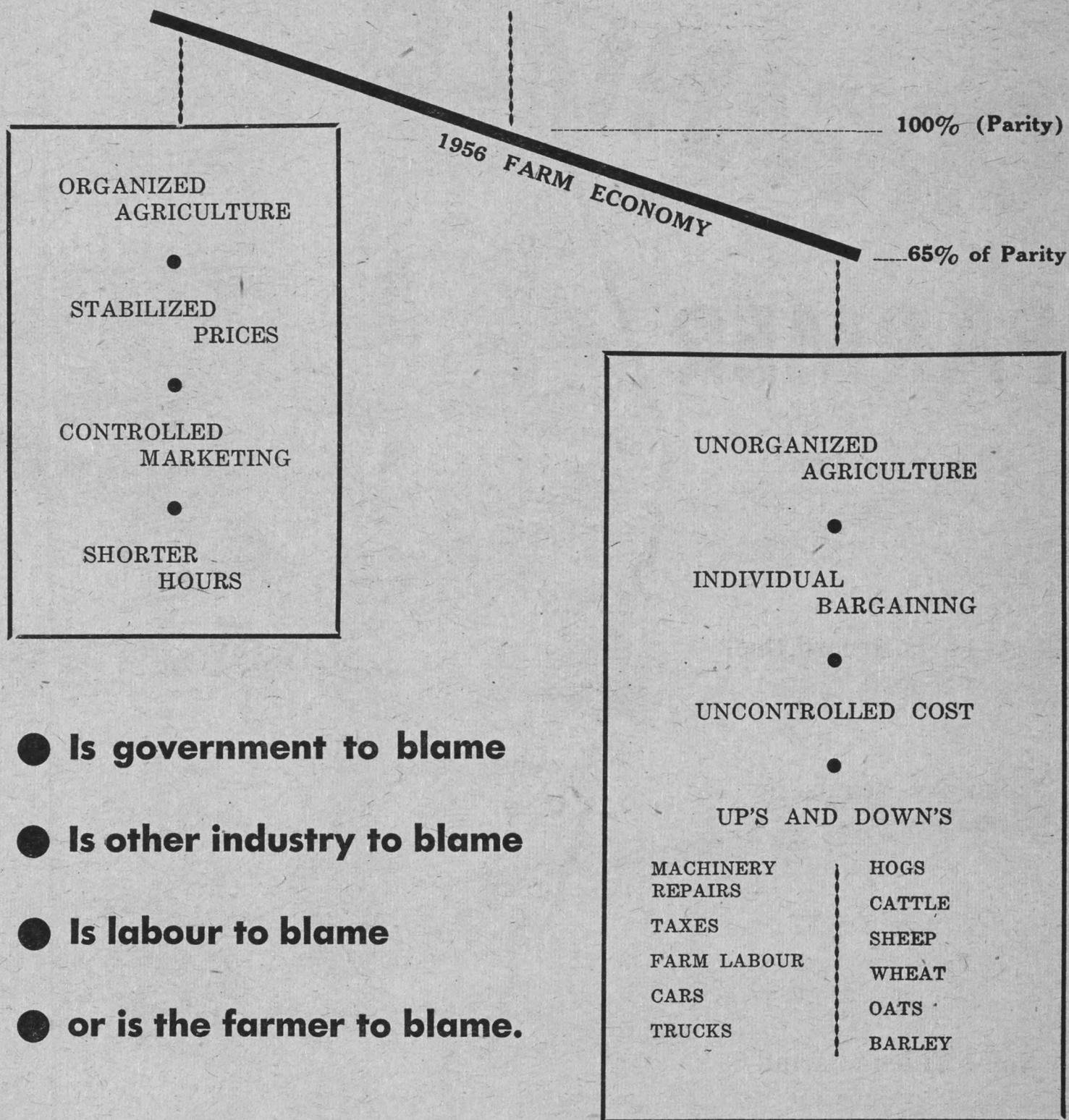
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GENERAL SCIENCES

# WHEN WILL IT BALANCE?



- Is government to blame
- Is other industry to blame
- Is labour to blame
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## President's Report

At the Interprovincial Board meeting at Saskatoon in July, it was agreed to make an all-out effort to try and get some of the main points in our program into Federal legislation at this next session of Parliament. We realize that to achieve results we must put on all the pressure we can before legislation is prepared, rather than wait until the house is in session. We have spent a lot of time preparing material for this purpose. Your directors and the directors of all the other farm unions are now interviewing members of Parliament and other politically prominent people in their areas, telling them the facts about the farming situation and what we suggest should be done about it. Every member of the farmers' union could help by seeing such people or, if that is impossible, writing a letter and telling him how it is on your farm. I cannot overemphasize the importance of having as many members as possible do this. Only by impressing on all members of Parliament the seriousness of the situation can we expect to get results. In this connection Mr. Patterson, of Manitoba, has taken the initiative in developing a scheme that is being worked out by the farm unions to guarantee to all farmers what would

be essentially a parity price on all his products by means of deficiency payments up to a yet to be determined level. We hope to present this to a number of economists soon for their comments. If it is sound, it will come before the convention, if not, we will try again.

Again harvest has come and, for the most part, yields are good but quality poor, due to the wide spread frost damage. As of September 28th, there were in Alberta 511 points on a unit delivery basis, 55 on a one bushel quota, and 10 on a two bushel quota. It is discouraging and frustrating and generally maddening to have grain all over the place and not a dime to pay the bills with. Last year Alberta didn't do as well as the other provinces in selling grain and, this year, it is starting out the same way. In Manitoba, 32% of the delivery points have a one or two bushel quota, in Saskatchewan — 30% and in Alberta — 11%, as of September 28. We shall do everything possible to have this rectified. Also we are not forgetting Mr. Howe's promise that those points that ended the last crop year with a low quota, would get preferential treatment in this crop year.

Freight rates are being battled over again.

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## Across The Secretary's Desk



By Mrs. Pansy Molen

Membership in an organization can be a valuable experience if you make it so. There is a saying that a person gets as much out of an organization as he or she puts into it, but that is not the whole truth.

People who do nothing more than pay their membership fee get their money's worth in being a part of something bigger than themselves. But those who take an active part in the organization receive a return in value, and have a sense of accomplishment. Added to this is the extra skill and knowledge they acquire through tackling unfamiliar tasks.

Some people will argue that they don't have a chance to do anything in their local, that a few run the whole show — so why join. That's the sort of criticism you hear after the meeting when it won't do any good.

Of course you can't get up during the meeting and tell the president that he or she is running the whole show to suit his or her self. He would promptly resign along with all his friends and you'd have no local. And a local, no matter how poorly run is better than no local at all; at least it is a foundation upon which something better can be built.

The way to work improvements is by being constructive at the meetings rather than destructive away from them.

So when a canvasser calls on you F.U.A. Week, join the F.U.A., and see that you and your family attend your local's meetings. Put forth your ideas and be a part of the organization.

## CO-OPS ASSIST THE DRIVE

Again this year the Alberta Wheat Pool and the United Grain Growers and the U.F.A. Co-op are giving generous assistance in the membership drive. The Wheat Pool, and the United Grain Growers are materially assisting in our radio programs and the U.F.A. Co-op in our newspaper advertising. All three are assisting in the distribution of F.U.A. literature.

Without this generous help and support our task would be that much harder. To our co-operative friends "thanks, a million, we really appreciate your help."

## F.U.A. Will Issue Simplified Farm Record Book

By Mrs. W. C. Taylor

The F.U.A. Income Tax committee (Mrs. W. C. Taylor, of Wainwright, and Mr. Charles Seeley of Cherhill) are firmly convinced that **every** farmer should keep records. They also know that most farmers (including themselves) are not expert bookkeepers. With these facts in mind they have developed a simplified Farm Record Book. This is in a firm loose-leaf style which enables it to be used for several years by purchasing annual refills. The cover is plastic coated similar to the F.W.U.A. Cook Book.

The book includes a list of little known facts which are valuable information for farmers. Through a unique idea this book can be made to suit any and all types of farming and eliminates the annoyance of unused columns. It also contains space for a simple yearly form of inventory.

The committee has also made arrangements for printing of file inserts for help in filing papers. By purchasing a Farm Record Book, 2 files, a set of file inserts, and a punch a very simple yet satisfactory system of bookkeeping may be set up by every farmer.

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As a limited number of these are being printed as an initial order you would be well advised to order early.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT . . . .

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Mr. Cormack of the Ontario Farmers' Union, and Mr. Schulz appeared on behalf of the Inter-provincial Farm Union Council and Dr. Hannam for the Federation of Agriculture. Both briefs emphasized that agriculture was in no position to pay more. Mr. Frawley appearing for the Alberta government also did a very excellent job of opposing increases according to press reports. The application of steel companies for an increase in tariffs is now receiving final hearings. Mr. Schulz is representing the Inter-provincial Farm Union Council in opposing these proposed tariff increases.

During the next three weeks, I will be out in the country, and I hope to meet many of you and discuss with you union affairs.



## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Farm organizations, including the F.U.A., have been vocal in demanding that surplus food be used to feed the hungry people of the world. No farmer can ever understand why we should speak of surpluses when untold millions go to bed hungry. In asking that something be done about it farm people are thinking not only of improving markets but also in terms of human values. No farm home would think of turning any hungry person from their door. They have a heritage that does not allow them to do such a thing. Nor can they understand why the same relation should not exist between nations.

Generally speaking we think of these hungry people as being Asiatics, Africans, South Sea Islander or some other vague group in some far away place. We seem to forget that we have many thousands of people right here in Canada who are often hungry, consistently undernourished and rarely can enjoy the luxury of a healthy diet. Charity, if you want to call it that, begins at home.

Ways and means could be found to distribute surplus food to those of our people who do not have the money to buy it. It would cost the Federal Treasury some money but it will cost a lot more in the form of direct relief if

our farmers are forced to curtail production to the point where food becomes scarce and, consequently, high in price.

It is not suggested that the problem for feeding the under privileged in other countries has received too much attention or that this problem is not of the utmost importance requiring the quickest possible solution. It is suggested, along with this problem, we consider the under privileged in Canada and do something about it now. Further delay is inexcusable.

## Dakota Local In The News

In the September issue of the Country Guide there is a feature article entitled "This Community Built for Fun." The article says that in January 1952 the members of the Dakota Farmers' Union decided to build a community sports center to consist of a curling and skating rink. It then goes on to describe how the whole community got behind the project and completed it in record time.

Congratulations are due this live local for making a real contribution to the community and for the fine publicity they have received. Dakota is about 15 miles west of Ponoka.

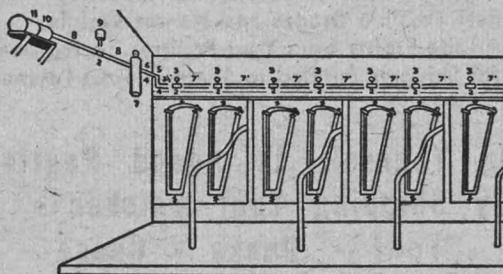


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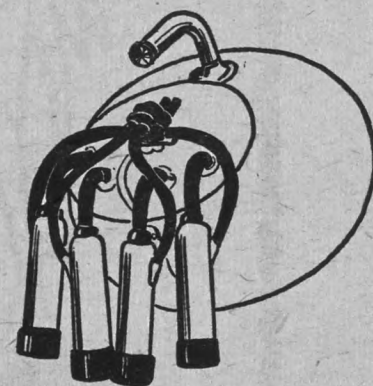
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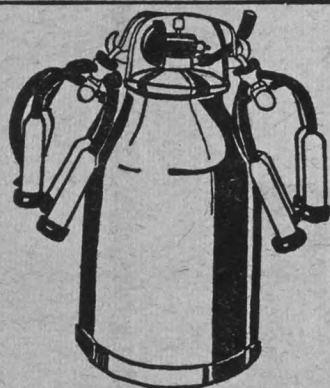
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## VOLUNTARY REQUISITION

By S. A. Thiessen

The thing that makes an organization like the farm union tick is an active local membership. Unfortunately, the most important job and possibly the most thankless as well, is that of canvassing for membership dues. It seems that in a large majority of cases, the annual burden of dues collection usually ends up as a responsibility of one or two people in the local. Perhaps it is a stigma that has been carried over from the depression years when tax and bill collectors roamed at large, but farmers generally seem to dislike approaching others for anything resembling money, even when the purpose is for such a worthy cause as a membership in the farm organization. Therefore when the canvasser contacts neighbors in the community year after year for the same purpose, he will eventually tire of it and look to someone else to fill his place. But if no one else is there to do the job, the local itself dies, and with it the vigor and strength of the organization.

The Saskatchewan Farmers' Union has been aware for some time that the loyal people who canvass from year to year eventually feel they no longer want to take on this responsibility. In many instances, these people have already reached that point. This being so, we could see no lasting financial or membership stability for the organization under the circumstances, and set out to do something about it. The result has been an amendment to the Rural Municipality Act at the last session of the legislature, making possible the collection of farm union dues through municipalities. To become effective, a member need only sign a requisition form requesting his local municipal secretary to collect the amount of union dues at the time of tax collection. This is how it works:

The SFU has an annual membership year which ends on September 30. This means we have just begun the 1956-57 membership year. A prospective member joining now pays his dues for the 1956-57 membership year (\$6.00 for farm families of  $\frac{1}{2}$  section or less—\$10.00 for farm families of over  $\frac{1}{2}$  section). This is collected in cash by the canvasser, and if the member so desires, he will sign a Voluntary Requisition form which requests the secretary of the municipality in which he has land to collect his membership dues in future years on behalf of the SFU.

Addressed to the municipal secretary, this is what the Voluntary Requisition form now in use by SFU members states:

"As a ratepayer in the above-mentioned municipality and in accord with the Rural Municipality Act, I hereby apply to have collected my Saskatchewan Farmers' Union membership fees in the sum of \$10.00 per year for the fiscal year 1957-58 and succeeding fiscal years until advised by myself to the contrary."

These forms are completed in triplicate by the canvasser and signed by the farmer. The farmer retains one copy and the other two are forwarded to our office. They are then filed by municipality and prior to April 30th, 1957, the original copies are sent to the municipality designated on the form. The notice of dues is sent to the farmer with his tax notice in July or August as the case may be, paid at the time he pays his municipal taxes and forwarded to the SFU office by the municipality.

Membership dues do not represent a lien on the farmer's land, but they can be placed on elevator lists for collection.

In the case of renters, a notice of payment is sent to them together with the Saskatchewan Hospitalization Plan payment notice. The municipalities will be paid an amount for collection but this has yet to be negotiated.

Our membership campaign this fall is hinged to the Voluntary Requisition. It is being readily accepted by farmers who have already been canvassed and it is an incentive to the loyal people who have struggled from year to year making the rounds, for they know that this time it can be the last time a call will have to be made on those people who sign the requisition.

From the standpoint of organization, it will leave the field open for concentration on non-member areas and hasten the building of numerical strength. From the standpoint of the SFU itself, it will allow proper budgeting since the potential income will be known and a greater amount of effort can be directed toward local servicing and education.

We are confident of the future of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union. Nearly 1000 requisitions have been signed already for 1957-58 and our drive has not yet begun.

To all farm union members in other provinces from farm union members in Saskatchewan, we say "Watch our smoke!" when the SFU "Campaign for United Action" starts rolling next month and Voluntary Requisitions play their part.



## THOUGHTS ON F.U.A. WEEK

By the time the next issue of The Organized Farmer reaches you, F.U.A. week will be over. What happens during that week will determine to quite an extent how long agriculture is going to suffer needlessly.

If the week is a successful one and we regain the membership that we lost last year, a lot can be done. We can, for example, carry out our plans to put all the pressure we can possibly muster on the federal government immediately. Instead of your president going to Ottawa for a few days, we will be able to send one or more of our experienced people for a week and when they come back we will send someone else, until every member of parliament knows what the farmer is up against and what to do about it. We will be able to consult more closely with the other provinces and perhaps between us we can afford the help of a trained economist (for once I would like to have one of these creatures on my side of the table). We could think about giving our members some more services and about providing our juniors and, maybe, our adults with a real educational program. Most important of all, we would know and governments would know that the Farmers' Union represented the thinking of the farm people of Alberta.

If we are not successful, we will not give up the fight. Your directors and executive will continue to do the very best they can. But governments will say to us your farmers are not behind you, they evidently don't think that conditions are bad, or if they do they don't agree that your policy is the right one. Shall we give the same excuse as last year that the weather was against us? I have a feeling that the Cabinet was not convinced that our excuse was a good one. If our membership declines we must cut expenditures. Cost of running a farm union is going up every year, the same as everything else. The cold hard facts are that, regardless of everything your board and executive can do, if membership and revenue go down the union must slow down, but if membership and revenue go up, the union goes ahead.

I believe that we will be successful. I am also fully aware that, if we are, it will be due to the some 4000 loyal members who will go out that week and see that it is a success. I know from experience the work involved, the sacrifice of your own time and money, and worst of all the hostile reception you sometimes receive. Nevertheless I make no apology in asking you who are called upon to do this job to give it all you've got. It is our duty as members to accept responsibility and to do the jobs assigned to us to the very best of our ability.

Our experience shows conclusively that a

very high percentage of people contacted will join. Failure to secure a large membership is almost always due to the lack of sufficient contacts. Those that are contacted and that won't join generally fall into three groups. The first have no money and, incidentally, this is more often an excuse than a reason. If you feel it is an excuse, use persuasion. Secondly those that disagree with our policy or our leadership. Point out to them that a simple majority vote will change either. Thirdly those that are anti-social. Don't waste time with people who are not prepared to work together with others for the benefit of all. We don't need them.

There are those, and I am among them, who feel that we shouldn't have to go through this membership drive every year. No progress will be possible on any other scheme until we agree amongst ourselves what we want. Some proposed schemes will be put before the convention. Study them carefully and let us see if we cannot find one that is practical and upon which we can agree.



## VETERANS ON THE LAND



By R. E. G. Armstrong

All of us war veterans who are on V.L.A. farms, as well as those who have been more fortunate in acquiring land, are aware of the present financial problem of the farm.

Most of the V.L.A. supervisors are helpful, the district agriculturists are usually prepared to render what assistance they can, however their help is not always enough. Only by having most of the farmers of Western Canada join a well organized farm group is it possible to bring our problems and views to the attention of various governments concerned.

It is the opinion of many that a larger veteran membership would be most valuable to the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Mr. Young along with many others, have spent many years of hard work building an organization for Alberta farmers. He has been succeeded by Mr. Platt who is well received wherever he represents us. Let us give these men our support.

Please help with the membership drive, join the Farmers' Union, and get your fellow veterans to do likewise.



**DISTRICT 4****SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

- Sub-district 1 — October 29, 8 p.m. at Weasel Creek Hall.  
 Sub-district 2 — October 30, 2 p.m. at Vilna.  
 Sub-district 3 — October 30, 8 p.m. at Cork Hall.  
 Sub-district 4 — October 31, 8 p.m. at Mallaig.  
 Sub-district 5 — November 1, 8 p.m. Legion Hall at Bonnyville.  
 Sub-district 6 — November 2, 8 p.m. at King George Hall.

The sub-district director will report on affairs during the past year, and election of the sub-district director for 1956-57 will be held.

Your district director and FWUA director will report on district affairs. A special prom-

inent official of the FUA will speak at each convention.

Resolutions will be discussed and if adopted will go before the annual convention.

All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

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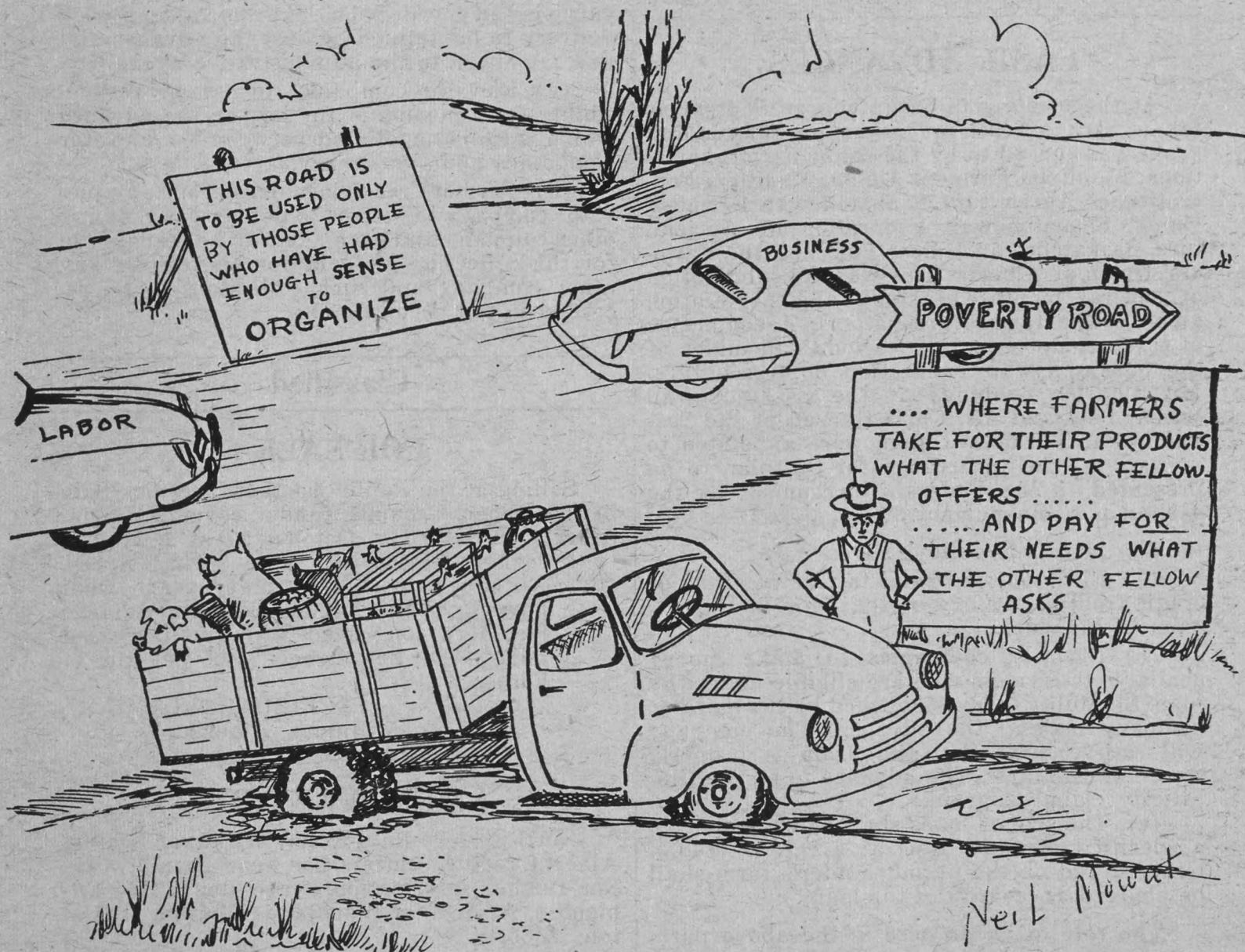
A city man attending his first 4-H rally was scandalized by the male garb being worn by all the young ladies.

Turning to a spectator at his elbow, he drew attention to the particularly loud getup of a girl in the show ring, saying you could hardly tell whether she was a boy or a girl.

"That young girl happens to be my daughter," said the spectator evenly.

"Oh' I didn't know you were her father," apologized the critic.

"I'm not!" snapped the other. "I'm her mother."



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### CASH ADVANCES

At the meeting in Saskatoon on September 8th a plan of cash advances on farm-stored grain was agreed to by the following organizations: Manitoba Farmers' Union, Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and the Farmers' Union of Alberta. This was the culmination of several months of study and negotiation amongst the farm organizations. A committee of three composed of Mr. Thomas Beaubier of the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Gibbings of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and Mr. Chris Hansen of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, were appointed to prepare a brief to arrange for the plan to be presented to the Federal Government at the earliest possible moment.

The plan is as follows:

(a) Elevator companies to receive a line of credit from an agency of the Federal Department of Finance.

(b) Elevator companies to make money available to farmers who are eligible under the plan. Eligibility to be established by the elevator company making the advance. The company will satisfy itself that the grain is properly stored on the farm. The advance to be the first priority claim on grain.

(c) The size of loans shall be computed on a specified acreage basis at a rate of \$4.00. Grain stored on the permit holder's farm shall be pledged as security of the loan.

The rate of \$4 an acre in the above para-

graph is based on one-half of an anticipated delivery of 7 bushels per specified acre at the average initial payment of recent sales, \$1.15 per bushel.

The rate per specified acre used in computing loans shall be reviewed annually by Governor General in Council and established in accordance with the initial prices and estimated grain deliveries for the year.

(d) The maximum loan under this plan shall be the rate per specified acre applied to 800 acres. From the aggregate shall be deducted the amount received on previous deliveries.

(e) The interest to be borne by the Federal Government.

(f) The amount and date of the advance to be recorded in the permit book of the producer and to remain in the permit book until the advance has been retired. As grain is delivered, the elevator company to record the value of the amount collected against the advance in the permit book. Half the value of each delivery to be applied against the advance and this submitted to the administrative agency.

(g) Elevator companies to assume responsibility for a portion of the loss on the advance which is to be negotiated between the elevator companies and the agency.

(h) Farmers receiving loans from any elevator company to be free to deliver grain to any other company and each agent to be responsible for the collection of loans for his own or any other company and such collections to be recorded in the permit book.

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## F.U.A. PARTY NIGHT

Canvassing for membership from door to door can be a slow and tedious job. At a meeting recently where easier ways of collecting memberships were being discussed, the suggestion was made that this work could be done at a party or social evening arranged for this purpose, it could be both time saving and enjoyable, leaving only a few hard to get and unavoidably absent members to canvass afterwards.

Several district officials have seen a lot of merit in this idea and are going to give it a trial for the coming membership drive. They are encouraging a number of locals to hold a "FUA Party" to see what the reaction will be. We will be watching this experiment very closely to see what may or can be developed out of it for next year.

In the meantime, perhaps some other locals would like to come along and also enjoy a FUA "Party Night." It is quite simple to arrange, any type of a social evening; card party, dance, anything that is fun that will appeal to the members and visitors. Usually a committee is selected and put in charge of the necessary arrangements, like getting a suitable place to meet, providing some kind of entertainment or music if it is to be a dance, etc. If the local has any extra funds, a prize (not too expensive) may be given for a door prize, spot dancing, old time fiddlers contest, best dressed couple if it is a hard time dance, and don't forget the lunch and coffee.

How do we collect the membership dues? The admittance fee for members to the "Party" is the renewal of their FUA dues. Visitors not eligible for membership can be charged the usual fee \$1.00 to \$2.00, this added to the usual

canvasser's commission paid by Central Office may possibly more than pay the expense involved in putting on a "FUA Party." The admission fee should be stated in the invitations sent out so people will come prepared to pay their union dues and enjoy an evening of fun.

Every local having a "Party," please write us afterwards to let us know how the "Party" went over. If these "parties" prove successful they may be worthy of consideration on a provincial basis next year, with prizes given out to some lucky member at every "party," or a competition for a provincial prize.

## Canadian Consumers Express Concern Over Farm Income

Under an Ottawa date line of October 3rd a release from Canadian Press says that "the Canadian Association of Consumers, Tuesday, express concern over the income of Canadian farmers not keeping pace with income in other industries. Mrs. Hugh Summers, Fonthill, Ontario, Chairman of the Canadian Association of Consumers Agricultural Committee, told the Organizations' annual meeting here statistics showed the Canadian farmer earned only slightly more in 1955 than he did in 1945, while earnings of other workers reached record highs.

It is encouraging for those of us who are working in farm organizations to note that other groups are at long last beginning to understand the condition that the farmers are in. It is particularly gratifying to have the Canadian Association of Consumers speak as they have because they are the people who buy much of our produce.

## MEMBERSHIP RECORD — September 1956

DISTRICT	Aug. Men	To date Men	Sept. Women	To date Women	Sept. Assoc.	To date Assoc.	Sept. Jrs.	To date Jrs.	To date Total
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Dist. 3	3	1650	1	481	—	2	1	305	2438
Dist. 4	14	2187	3	640	—	1	2	508	3336
Dist. 5	—	1571	—	568	—	4	—	403	2546
Dist. 6	2	2805	2	1188	—	10	—	694	4697
Dist. 7	1	2623	1	849	—	4	—	471	3947
Dist. 8	—	2051	—	564	—	—	—	295	2910
Dist. 9	1	2301	—	721	—	7	—	356	3385
Dist. 10	4	2715	—	677	—	16	—	286	3694
Dist. 11	—	1052	—	425	—	13	—	154	1644
Dist. 12	—	2121	1	838	—	10	—	318	3287
Dist. 13	—	718	—	256	—	5	—	98	1077
Dist. 14	14	1732	—	514	—	1	—	249	2496
TOTAL	40	26614	8	8632	—	74	3	4728	40048

## "A LAZY TRICK"

By J. Schulz, Chairman, I.F.U.C.

A tramp lying under the tree by the roadside, was asked by a traveller which road would take him to the city. The tramp raised one foot and pointed to the right road.

"If you can do a lazier trick than that," said the traveller, "I'll give you a dollar."

"Sure," said the hobo, "put it in my pocket."

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Sometimes I remember this story as I go about my work for the farm union movement, in relation to the farmers' behaviour toward their organization. "Put it in my pocket" is their attitude.

The farmer is the only businessman who operates his business in reverse. He buys everything at retail and sells everything he produces at wholesale. He has no idea what price he will get for his produce and his operating cost is determined by someone else.

Through the farm unions and the Interprovincial Farm Union Council, a real attempt has been made in the past few years to bring about corrective measures to change this impossible business practice and improve the farmers' condition, step by step. Some real progress has been made in this direction—especially this year. But the majority of the farmers have not yet joined the farmers' union. Like the hobo, they would rather lie down and perform "the lazy trick" of letting the minority put dollars in their pocket.

It was the minority who belong to the farm unions that succeeded by their efforts in lining up three political parties behind parity prices—the basic solution for agriculture. With a little more effort by a majority between now and the next election, fair and stable prices for farm products could become a reality, and put real dollars into the farmers' pockets.

To the minority who had the courage to help themselves, instead of using the lazy trick of waiting for someone else to do it for them, goes most the credit for stopping the 10 per cent freight rate increase on the domestic grain movement, which according to the Free Press of January 26, 1956, amounts to a saving of \$1,170,000 per year for farmers. Two briefs were presented by the IFUC opposing this increase.

The few who belong to the farmers' union protested and succeeded in stopping the elevator companies from increasing grain-handling charges on July 23rd, when all elevator com-

panies, including those owned by farmers, applied to the Board of Grain Commissioners for an increase. For five years the IFUC has successfully opposed any increase in handling and storage charges.

It was these few again who managed through the IFUC to stop most of the tariff increases on basic steel products. On September 4th a Free Press editorial announced the voluntary decision of the steel companies to drop their request for higher tariffs on all steel used in the production of farm implements, because they didn't wish to have the farmers against them. They further agreed to forego their request for higher rates on 90 out of 100 items on their general list.

These few faithful farm union supporters deserve a real hand also for putting an extra 7c per bushel into the farmers' pockets, when through the efforts of the provincial farm unions and the IFUC, the federal government paid \$31 million of our wheat storage charges. According to a government publication, "Current Review" this amounted to 7c a bushel on the final wheat payment from the 1954-55 pool.

However, in spite of this admirable progress made by a few, the majority of farmers are still using the lazy trick of waiting for the minority to put more dollars in their pockets. Let's give up this lazy trick!

## How Montana Collects Dues

The Montana Farmers' Union uses three methods of enrolling members.

1. Direct cash payment, collected by membership campaigners, local and county secretaries and state offices.
2. Check-off on patronage earnings at the co-operatives.
3. Through Farm Union insurance.

The 1954 membership was collected as follows: 4,362 members paid cash dues, 5,598 used Co-op check-off and 5,433 paid with their insurance.

Farmers' Union Property, Casualty and Hospital Insurance is sold only to members according to the by-laws of the companies. Those who are not members must become members before they are eligible to participate in this insurance.

It will be seen that at least a third of the membership in Montana is collected along with insurance premiums and another third as check-offs on patronage dividends and only one third is collected in the form of cash by canvassers calling upon the members.



# FROM A POINT OF LAW:

By A. M. BROWNLEE

## SOME CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO JOINT TITLES TO LAND

For several years past there has been considerable discussion of the plan of having property registered in two names as "Joint Tenants" and not as "Tenants in Common." Although any two persons may register property in this way, the plan is usually followed by husband and wife, and it is probably safe to discuss the plan from that viewpoint.

Undoubtedly, this plan of land registration has been followed in many instances, without any question being raised. However, a few cases have arisen where the circumstances made the plan inadvisable, and at all times the provisions of the Income Tax Act with respect to Gift Tax and also the provisions of the Succession Duties Act should be kept in mind and considered carefully. Under the circumstances some general comments on the subject may be desirable.

The advantages of registering the title to land in this way are two-fold:

1. Generally speaking the law provides that the husband and wife are equal owners of the property which cannot be disposed of except as they may mutually agree. This tends to give the husband and wife a feeling of mutual confidence and of real partnership.
2. In the event of the death of either party, the title to the property goes to the survivor upon the filing with the Registrar of Land Titles of, — (a) Proof of death of the deceased party, and (b) An Affidavit confirming the identity of the survivor.

So far as the jointly owned property is concerned, no Letters Probate (where there is a Will), or Letters of Administration (where there is no Will) are necessary. In the case of very small estates legal costs may thus be avoided.

However, like many other procedures, there are limitations as to the advantages resulting from joint registration of land.

In the first place, either husband or wife may accumulate a considerable estate during their lifetime, consisting of other lands, farm machinery, livestock, bonds or bank accounts.

In such cases either Probate or Administration would be necessary, in which case the first of the two advantages above stated obviously fails, and little, if any, costs will be saved.

Secondly, there is the problem of Gift Tax which may be assessable on the joint registration of the property. Without going into the involved and complicated provisions of the Income Tax Act with respect to gifts which are exempt from Gift Tax, it may be said in broad general terms that a single gift given in one taxation year exceeding in value the sum of \$4,000.00 may result in the assessment against the donor of a Gift Tax. There are certain other types of gifts which are exempt from taxation which might well serve as the topic of a separate discussion in this column. This tax rule applies to transfers by way of gift from husband to wife or vice versa if the amount of the gift exceeds the exemptions. Thus, for example, if a husband should invest \$15,000.00 in the purchase of a house and lot, and should cause the title to be registered in the joint names of himself and his wife, he is in the position of having made a gift of \$7,500.00 to his wife, and the value of the gift in excess of \$4,000.00 could be taxed at the rate of 10%.

The above principle would apply in cases where the husband put up the necessary money from what might be called his separate funds. It is food for thought for women's organizations that a woman may do her part for years in building up the family fortune, but if the husband transfers to her in one year over \$4,000.00 in cash, or by way of a gift of real or personal property, it is considered taxable under the Income Tax Act.

A third problem arises on the death of the husband who, during his lifetime, caused property to be registered jointly as above described. He may have felt, in part, that by so doing the property would, on his death, pass to his wife and thus reduce the value of his estate. Unfortunately, the Succession Duties Department under the provisions of the Succession Duties Act take the position that unless it can be specifically shown that the wife made a financial contribution to the purchase of the jointly owned property, that property shall be deemed to have been purchased with the husband's funds. In such a case the provisions of the Act

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# "Know Your Directors"



**MRS. JOHN ZASEYBIDA**

Mrs. John Zaseybida, F.W.U.A. director for District 6, who was born and raised at Soda Lake, Alberta, took a nurse's training course at the Vegreville General Hospital. When she married John Zaseybida, they moved to a farm 11 miles south-west of Vegreville, where they still reside.

She is the mother of three children; one married son, who owns a drilling rig and is doing testing for oil companies; another son who is a graduate of Colorado School of Mines in Geological Engineering and a daughter attending Alberta College in Edmonton, who recently won a scholarship in fine arts.

Besides her activities in the F.W.U.A., Mrs. Zaseybida is active in the Vegreville Handicraft Guild, has acted on the Master Farmer Judging Committee since its inception in 1949 and was on the first Alberta farm improvement district committee in 1928. She was a delegate to the A.C.W.W. conference in Toronto in 1953.

She and her husband operate a one section mixed grain farm and have been registered seed growers for the past ten years.

The high cost-of-living is hitting everyone these days, it seems. 'Tis said that hobos are asking for \$20 touches so they can buy smarter clothes before going into a restaurant for a cup of coffee.



**STAN A. STANFORD**

Stan A. Stanford, F.U.A. Director for District 6, of Vegreville. Has been a member of farm organizations since boyhood. Elected director in 1952 and is director L.S.S. Association, Co-op Store, Lavoy R.E.A., delegate U.F.A. Co-op and secretary of local.

Mr. Sanford is married and has 4 children. He operate a grain and poultry farm.

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are applied, and these provisions state that the value of the property shall be assessed against the husband's estate. If by any chance the husband, during his lifetime, paid a Gift Tax with respect to the transfer of the property into their names, an allowance will be made for the Gift Tax paid when the Succession Duties payable are established.

It is of course true that if the jointly owned property is property other than the homestead within the meaning of the Dower Act, the wife, by being made a joint owner, has additional security, particularly in the event of marital difficulties. However, it should be a definite consideration in the purchase of property as to whether a tax assessment will accrue.



# FWUA Section



## President's Report

By Mrs. C. T. Armstrong

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Did you listen to the World Series Baseball games? I listened while doing other work that had to be done. As I write this, the New York Yankee pitcher Don Larsen, has made history by pitching the first perfect game in any World Series game. Only by perfect co-ordination and team-work was this remarkable feat accomplished.

Many of you will know by this time that I do enjoy a good game of baseball. Back in 1950 when I visited many district conventions, I told you a baseball story about our Farmers' Union of Alberta. I told you then, that we had a good team of workers, who were giving all they had to win, but we had too few who were enthusiastically rooting for them, that is, paid-up members.

The alarming feature was that we had too many peep-holes in the fence, where non-paying farmers were enjoying the game, or the results of our hard work. To add insult to injury, many gave us the Bronx cheer or the raspberry because we didn't play just to suit them after they had seen the game for nothing. As I told you then, the only way to fix that up is to get those hecklers on the inside and let them get busy in doing something constructive for themselves and for the rest of us who have slugged for a long time past and held the line for everybody.

In the last two years much has been done to rectify that situation, for we have held two successful membership drives, one resulting in an all-time high of 62,500 members. Last year was somewhat less at 40,000, but we did have

poor weather and bad harvest conditions to contend with when the drive was in progress.

Through this year, your Board has given a lot of thought to this year's drive. As you know, we are planning our F.U.A. Membership Drive November 12th to 17th. We feel that this plan will help the districts to organize their work to bring about the best possible results.

Bill Logan, our provincial co-ordinator of organization, reports that there is good interest in all districts, and foremen and key personnel have volunteered their help in a very fine way. Right here, I want to thank these men, women and juniors who have the interest of our FUA at heart. We appreciate your splendid teamwork, and we're hoping that this year your efforts will be rewarded with a good sign-up in your area. If you get over 51% you have won your game in local series, but the score we're all watching is that of the provincial play-offs. I'm sure hoping that we can do better than last year, and maybe we can pitch the perfect game this year, let's hope so.

In all of the district conventions this year, I have tried to outline to you the necessity of being organized, with a good percentage of the farmers as members, and how important the membership is when we are called on to present our agricultural problems to governments.

All eyes are on this membership drive, the eyes of our friends who wish us well and are pulling for us, the eyes of our hecklers who wait for the chance to boo us. We can show to the spectators, that by our own efforts we intend to muster and organize our players, and we're going in to play a good clean game, and



by co-ordination and determination we are going to win.

When we have the membership at the local level, we're going all the way to the World Series. Our sincerity of purpose will not be in doubt any where along the way, for we have the interest of our farm people to work for, and they are right with us cheering us on.

Every group in Canada has an important place, but here is where we shine, for Canada has need of all our produce to keep both players and spectators on the scene. Agriculture is more important to the rest of the people, than even the farmers realize. When all the farmers get into the game to pitch in earnest, then we will be able to have the others cheer us, instead of feeling pity for a group who just aren't interested in getting together to consider the things that are basic to their own livelihood. The greatest game of all is Life itself, man's pursuit of a decent standard of living for his family, and enough sense to know that he does not live by bread alone, and that spiritual values play a great part in all things.

We have a good set of rules, so let's get in to play the game that really counts, our membership drive, let's put it over this year!

## ***F.W.U.A. Hi-Lights***

The matter of Car Insurance was discussed at some length by the members of Fleet FWUA No. 1104 at their September meeting, and a report on the Board Meeting in Hanna was heard. Plans for "FUA Week" membership drive were also discussed and carried over to the October meeting.

Sydenham-Gerald FWUA No. 710 (Wainwright) members decided at roll call that they would like to see more of Alberta, and Canada as a whole.

The members of Willow Springs FWUA No. 612 (Bon Accord) found catering at a farm auction sale quite lucrative — \$93.00 being realized at one sale. The 25th anniversary of this local is to be celebrated with pot-luck supper, a debate with the FUA and a dance.

Camrose FWUA No. 801 have had a busy and interesting month of August, what with catering at the auction mart and a trip to Bowden Nursery and Bowden Institution — which they found very interesting. A donation was made to the Ohaton 4-H Food Club.

Car Insurance was under discussion by the

members of Swalwell FWUA No. 1017 at their last meeting.

The bulletin on "Understanding our World Neighbours", by Mrs. W. J. Roberts, was found very interesting by the members of Imperial FWUA No. 621 (Vegreville) at their September meeting, and they felt they had gained a lot from it.

Berrywater FWUA No. 1202 (Vulcan) plan on having Miss Seldon, dist. home economist, if at all possible at their October meeting. A debate on the pros and cons of Car Insurance took place at the last meeting.

The members of Freedom-Naples FWUA No. 310 (Naples) enjoyed and found very interesting the talk on color in the home, picture hanging and furniture arranging, given by Miss Montalbetti, home economist from Westlock.

Jenny Lind FWUA No. 1305 (Scandia) are making it their business to see that dangerous corners, culverts, etc. on their roads are properly marked by the erection of signs. A social evening is being planned for the benefit of the Institute of the Blind, and a film and a guest speaker from the Institute are expected. This local PROTEST Hon. Hinman's idea of a sales tax and have written to this effect to their M.L.A.

Plans have been made by Park Grove FWUA No. 609 to make a quilt to show at the annual convention and Mrs. C. Fuller is to make an article for sale at this convention.

Northern Lights FWUA No. 205 (Bluesky) voted at their September meeting to make donations to the A.C.W.W. and to the Mental Health association. They plan a harvest dance for the 2nd of November.

Marwayne FWUA No. 716 report a very successful summer — Farmers Picnic in June; Junior to F.Y.P. Week in Edmonton; two members to F.W.'s Week in Vermilion; a car-load of members to Conference; sale of plants and lunches one evening in June; gave good donations to Building Fund and Anglican Church; held a very successful Horticulture Show in August; also gave a good donation to Home and School association. Other plans and projects are under way.

Pollockville FWUA No. 1106 had an interesting meeting in September and report the third successive month with new members coming in. A number of social affairs have been held and donations from same have been made to various organizations.



## Monthly Letter from

# Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited

Dear Friends:

Last month we said that we were going to line up a competition for livestock producers in order to determine what is known about livestock marketing. We've previously pointed out the importance of livestock to the Alberta economy and in turn the major importance of disposition, or, in other words, 'marketing'.

However the all embracing 'livestock' classification takes in a lot of territory and we'll therefore confine the competition to slaughter hogs.

Most hog producers do have opinions on this subject but seldom have a chance to express those opinions. The purpose of this competition is to bring out thoughts and ideas from many producers in order to obtain a cross section of opinion from all parts of the province.

We're going to divide the subject matter into three divisions and we'd like you to write on all of the following:

- (1) In 100 words or less write what you know about the sale and marketing of hogs in Alberta. Who are the buyers and who do they represent.
- (2) In 100 words or less give your impression as to how and where the prices for hogs are established.
- (3) In 150 words or less write whether or not the present methods for the marketing and pricing of hogs is satisfactory and state what you like or do not like about the present methods. If you believe the system could be improved or changed state your opinion as to alternative methods and how you would apply them.

Entries must be mailed not later than February 28, 1957 and addressed to:

Contest Department,  
Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited,  
Western Stock Yards,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

First prize \$100.00. Second prize \$50.00. Third prize \$25.00.

The contest is open to all Alberta hog producers and to those marketing hogs from the Dawson Creek, B.C. area.

Duplicate prizes will be given to the A.L.C. affiliated Co-operative Livestock Shipping Associations from whose districts winning entries originate and in addition duplicate prizes will be given to the F.U.A. locals where winning entries originate. The total prize list will then consist of \$175.00 to individual winners plus \$175.00 to Co-operative Shipping Associations plus \$175.00 to F.U.A. locals.

Entries will become the property of Alberta Livestock Co-operative Limited. Correspondence concerning specific entries will not be considered.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE WINKELAAR, General Manager

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# FUA Junior Page

## RURAL YOUTH WEEK AT FAIRVIEW

Each month one of the Jr. FUA Board has the opportunity to write a letter or article for The Organized Farmer and it seems that October is my month to write.

I should like at this time to thank the Jr. FUA members for electing me to the position of Jr. first vice-president. It is indeed a great honour and privilege to be elected to such a position and I shall and will carry out the wishes of the organization to the best of my ability.

I should now like to report about my trip into the Peace River country where I attended the Rural Youth Week held at the Fairview School of Agriculture on July 9-14th.

It was the first time that I had ever been north of Edmonton and was really quite an experience travelling some 400 miles north. I left Edmonton on July 8th with the Department of Agriculture representatives and arrived there the same day, having had a very nice trip.

During the week I worked along with the staff, helping mainly with the sports, which were carried out each afternoon.

On Friday afternoon the time was devoted to the Jr. FUA and the annual meeting was held. There were approximately 35 people present along with the Alberta Wheat Pool Fieldman, the United Grain Growers Fieldman, Principal of F.S.A., Jr. FUA Directors for Districts 1 and 2, and the FUA and FWUA Directors for District 1.

Greetings were brought by Mr. Jamieson, Principal F.S.A., and also the fraternal delegates Mr. Kellicut, Alberta Wheat Pool and Mr. Scarth, United Grain Growers. Also a short word of greeting from the FUA director Mr. Powell and FWUA director, Mrs. Robertson.

At this point I gave my report to them on the Farm Young People's Week in Edmonton and the work that had been done in the past year, with greater emphasis on the new program plan which we had drawn up at our executive meeting on July 3rd and what we wanted to have changed for the benefit of the Juniors.

The discussion on the New Program was not too great. However, the members did feel much the same as the Jr. executive in that we didn't have a program at present that was appealing enough to the young farmers. And that any changes towards a better program would help greatly even if we didn't get exactly what we had proposed.

There was the election of the Junior Directors for Districts 1 and 2 with Robert Girard

replacing Lucien Cote for district 2 and Eddie Brown staying in for District 1.

Following this the Junior Directors were given the opportunity to report on the work that had been done in their districts. Both Eddie Brown and Lucien Cote gave a full account of the happenings in their districts and they both stated that the biggest trouble was in getting the people interested enough.

Now the meeting was open for new business and this proved quite disappointing as there weren't any new ideas presented. However, several visitors asked questions about our organization and I answered these to the best of my ability. This was a step in the right direction as many of them did not know what we were doing and working for.

I would like to thank all those who made it possible for me to go to Fairview and conduct this meeting. However, in the future, I believe better meetings could be held if they could be held along with the district conventions and have one of the Jr. executive travel with the FUA and FWUA presidents. This way the Juniors and seniors could have their convention the same day and it also might have the possibility that some of the senior members would get a better picture of the Jr. Section and be able to give support to the Juniors back at their own locals.

I will not be able to attend the FUA convention this year as I have taken a winter job with the Department of Agriculture and will be lecturing at the Fairview School of Agriculture at that time. However I do wish the best at the convention and I do wish I could be there.

Dean C. Lien,  
Jr. FUA vice-president.

## F.U.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta will be held in Edmonton, December 10th to 14th inclusive, at the Macdonald Hotel. Representation is based on the number of paid-up members in a local. Locals are allowed one delegate for each 20 members or major portion thereof, with each local having six paid-up members being entitled to one delegate. Visitors will be welcome but only delegates are given voting privileges.

Delegates will participate in the pool transportation fund, with the pool rate set at \$12.00, which means all delegates will pay a total of \$12.00 into the pool regardless of what distance they may be from Edmonton.

All locals are urged to see that they have representation at the convention.

The annual convention dance and social gathering will be held on Tuesday evening, December 11th.



## Farm Radio Forum in Alberta

The National Farm Radio Forum's seventeenth season returns to the airways on Monday, October 29 at 8:30 p.m.

Farm Forum has played a real part in the social and educational fields in many of our rural areas throughout Canada, and has the potential to play a still larger role.

- It has helped neighbors to become better acquainted and is thus filling a gap that has been developing with the enlargement of our rural communities.
- It has provided basic information of interest and importance to farm people.
- It has helped many to express with confidence their ideas and opinions.
- It forms a medium for placing farm opinions before the public.

Farm Forum is not looked upon as another organization, but is a tool to be used by groups or organizations. Would you not like to use the tools of radio and printed word (The Farm Forum Guide), along with discussion and reporting on such important topics as the following:

**School Milk** — Should a program be developed to supply milk to all Canadian school children?

**Should farmers invest in marketing?** — Is

investment in marketing services essential to orderly marketing of farm products?

**What about farm management?** — The farmer today has many specialized services available to him. Often the problem is to adapt these needs to the needs of his own farm.

**The soil bank idea** — Is a soil bank the answer to farm surpluses and soil conservation? Can surpluses be stored in the soil?

**What price efficiency?** — Can farmers improve their efficiency in production by taking advantage of scientific and technical knowledge without aggravating their marketing problem?

**Parity for agriculture** — What is it? How can it be brought about? Is it enough?

**(1) What is Parity Income for Agriculture?** — Why are farmers concerned about it? How can it be determined? Should farmers get full parity income?

**(2) How can Parity for Agriculture be achieved?** — What are the methods — price supports — marketing policies — other programs?

**(3) Is parity income for agriculture enough?** — Will parity income solve all the problems of agriculture? What else is needed? — and many others.

For a full list of topics and other information, write the Alberta Farm Radio Forum Office, 507 McLeod Bldg., Edmonton, Alta.

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## Unitarian Service Committee Of Canada

The Unitarian Service Committee of Canada, in a recently launched fund campaign, set itself the goal of raising \$100,000 by Christmas Day. With renewed vigour the USC, which has many generous friends among western farmers, continues its mission to help more where the need is greatest regardless of creed, nationality, colour or caste.

Emergency feeding programs in the past have done much to overcome the problem of malnutrition in Europe and Asia. Thousands of homeless, undernourished children have felt their despair change to hope as projects like "Milk for Korea" and "Operation Codfish" brought them healthful Canadian food. The highly successful "Barley for Korea" project was made possible through shipments of prairie grain, processed so that it tasted very much like rice.

The food situation in Korea is now greatly improved, as one problem diminishes, others arise or already existing ones become more urgent. As a result, the USC has begun to shift from emergency projects to long-range undertakings. A scholarship fund has been set up so that the most promising of Korea's 10,000 indigent children may go to school. School fees in Korea today are beyond the reach of the average wage-earner and many parents are unable to give their children even a basic education. It costs \$20 to keep a Korean child in public school for one year and \$129 for a year in high school.

The USC this year is placing particular stress on a knitting project. Canadian women have been invited to convert wool remnants into long-sleeved children's pullovers, toques and heel-less stockings. The cozy, colourful garments invariably bring joy and hope to children receiving them, as well as the assurance that someone does care after all. Donations of this type, or of warm, practical used clothing may be left at, or shipped to, the Edmonton depot of the USC, Massey-Harris Showrooms, 106 Street and 103rd Avenue, Edmonton.

As Canadian children thrill to brisk winds that promise snowmen and sleighrides, thousands of refugees in the Middle East shiver in fear of the approaching winter. About 450,000 of these refugees are children who will suffer greatly unless their rags are replaced by warm winter garments.

To relieve indigent children in that area, the Unitarian Service Committee has undertaken a special sewing project to provide 5,000

school uniforms and 2,000 nightgowns and layettes.

Ottawa Headquarters of the USC, 78 Sparks Street, Ottawa, is distributing cut-out cloth with instructions in packets of one dozen garments to willing hands throughout Canada on request. During the past 11 years the USC has shipped more than 6,500,000 pounds of relief supplies abroad valued at more than \$2-million to bring comfort and save lives in Europe and Asia.

## NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture reports that the Nuffield Travelling Scholarships will again be available for 1957.

Two scholarships are available to Canadian farmers, which allows them to spend six months in travel and study of agricultural conditions and practices in the United Kingdom.

The scholarships are open to persons of either sex who are farming and intend to make farming their life work. The recommended age is between 30 and 35 years, but some latitude may be allowed in this regard. All expenses are paid from the successful applicant's home, and return.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture assists the Nuffield Foundation in selecting candidates, so application forms are made available through provincial federations of agriculture. For application forms and further information please contact the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, 507 McLeod Bldg., Edmonton.

## World Wheat Price Supports

The following table gives support prices for wheat from the 1956 crops as fixed by governments of the various countries listed:

Country	Price per Country Bushel	Country	Price per Bushel
Argentina	\$1.18	Japan	\$2.59
Pakistan	1.34	Austria	2.63
Canada	1.40	France	2.64
Iran	1.43	Algeria	2.64
Australia	1.46	Tunisia	2.64
India	1.53	Germany	2.73
Egypt	1.98	Greece	2.84
Mexico	2.05	Brazil	2.85
Ireland	2.06	Portugal	2.86
United States	2.08	Spain	2.86
Syria	2.20	Turkey	2.91
Sweden	2.21	Yugoslavia	2.99
Chile	2.49	Italy	3.05
Uruguay	2.51	Norway	3.43
Belgium	2.56	Switzerland	4.03
Morocco	2.56	Finland	4.04
United Kingdom	2.31		



## The National Forestry Conference

The first National Forestry Conference since 1906, which was held in Winnipeg in September this year, had representatives of lumber, pulp and paper and related industries, as well as federal and provincial forestry departments, in attendance.

This conference was held for the purpose of finding ways and means to establish a working partnership between the forestry industry, the governmental forestry departments and the Canadian public.

The views of both the Quebec and B.C. lumber industry were presented by able representatives of same, and this was followed by two panel discussions on "Canada's Forestry Objectives and their Importance to the Canadian Public" and "Public Education on the Value of Canadian Forests."

The importance of the forestry industry to the Canadian economy was illustrated by statistics. It was shown that net value of production of Canadian forest industries is more than 1/10th of Canada's national income; they furnish more than one third of her domestic exports and contribute well over one billion dollars a year towards a favourable balance of trade.

Even excluding seasonal workers this industry is far the largest industrial employer in the land. It also provides seasonal employment when employment elsewhere is at its lowest ebb. The lumber industry has more than doubled production in the past 50 years and has increased more than nine times in dollar value.

The forest area of Canada occupies nearly 45% of the total area, of which 1/4 is capable of continuous production.

The main purpose of the National Forestry Conference is to make known to the general public especially the need for planned forestry practices and reforestation, and the possibility of farmers across Canada, wherever possible, having woodlots established on cultivated land which is not economically suited to raising of crops or pasture but which could be a source of definite income. Alberta is the only province in Canada where the idea of farm woodlots has not been given consideration and where no Provincial Tree Farm Committee has been established. A good farm woodlot can, over the years, produce a better and more steady return than a poor field. From this viewpoint alone the FUA would be justified in looking carefully into the matter of farm woodlots.

The forest industry is confronted with the

question: "What of the forests and what has been the impact on them of this tremendous utilization?" If the 582,000 square miles of accessible productive forests are put to work and kept at work growing trees Canada need fear no future timber famine. However, we cannot afford to squander these forest resources through abuse and neglect. This is what we are doing now through our ignorance and indolence where our forests and their management are concerned. Completely scientifically managed forestry is practically nonexistent in Canada today. Some more progressive forest industries, especially in the pulp and paper field, have instituted sound forest practices on the limited lands they own, or on experimental areas on Crown lands, and are going ahead with plans to extend this to all their limits as soon as possible.

Ninety-four per cent of the forest areas of Canada is publicly owned. Most forest officers recognize the need for a good forestry program for sound management of Crown land and timber but other government agencies continue to think of them as a practically limitless resource.

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revenue taxes amounting to 200 million dollars a year from forest industries they are only spending in return less than 10 million dollars on the forest. Only in recent years has tree planting been allowed as a legitimate current cost of operating a forest. The timber operator, cutting timber on land he does not own, is given no encouragement to use good forestry practices.

The responsibility for the proper conduct of our forestry business rests with the Canadian public and their elected representatives in the federal and provincial governments. It has been the aim of the National Forestry Conference to explore the possibilities of the different solutions to the problem. While there are strong and valid arguments for a widespread private ownership of the Canadian forests, equally good arguments can be advanced that it would not be feasible or popular under our democratic form of government, and the same time guarantee better management of our forests.

—Condensation of article by Fritz Wuth.

The Danish ministry of Justice has decided to reintroduce electrical anaesthetization of hogs in Danish slaughteries, after a 14-month suspension. During this period a committee has succeeded in developing a new anaesthetization method which reportedly eliminate bleedings in the muscles of the carcasses and does not affect keeping qualities of the pork.

### Small Head

"What would happen if I cut off one of your ears?" the psychiatrist asked a feeble-minded patient whom he was treating in his office.

"I couldn't hear you so well," was the prompt answer.

"Splendid!" the doctor told the man. "And what would happen if I cut off both your ears?"

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"Oh, Mighosh! How do you figure that?"

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